

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
January 9, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Report from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance Wrap up of BARC Symposium 2000 Black History Month Observance	Lew Gasbarre Group
Report from the Visitors Center	John Kucharski
FAR-B Web Page	Hank Dickson/Jane Thurman
Treasurer's Report	Al DeMilo
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Plans for Membership Drive in 2001	Group
Status Report of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Status Report of Publicity Committee and January Newsletter	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of the Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Report of the Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn	

staylor@ars.usda.gov

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2001

Attendees: Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Al DeMilo, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Louis Gasbarre, John Kucharski, Philip Kearney, Ron Korcak, Frank Longen, George Steffens, Manya Stoetzel, Hachiro Shimanuki, Rosannah Taylor.

President R. Bram introduced and welcomed FAR-B member and first-time visitor, **Dr. George T. Steffens**.

Area Director's Report. R. Korcek delivered a status report for the Area Director's Office, which included (but was not limited to): the 'reorganization' of October, 2000; the Budget approval for the 2nd wing of Bldg 306; the Level 3 greenhouse for Range 1; progress on Bldg 004, after a 2.5 year fire delay; the blooming of the national turf growers program at Beltsville; Virgil Smail as the annointed head of PSI; the ongoing demonstration on bio-diesel fuel; and the re-submission of a budget (identical to last year's) this January, with add-ons by the Bush administration expected in April and May.

Beltsville Symposium 2000. L. Gasbarre, Symposium Co-Chair, gave a wrap-up report on '**Healthy Animals**', a remarkably successful event that helped close out the 20th century at BARC. There were 133 registrants, 27 invited presentations and 11 volunteered posters. In addition, **Paul Putnam** gave a exceptional talk on '**The History of {Beltsville}**'. Symposium proceedings will be published during 2001 in a special issue of **Preventive Veterinary Medicine**, at \$25 a copy. From a fiscal point of view, with all the income/expenses sorted out and all the grumbling about travel costs in remission, the net surplus for the Symposium/FAR-B should be in the neighborhood of \$10k. Kudos are due **L. Gasbarre and J. Urban, LPSI**, for their keen organizational/management skills which made all this happen!

Black History Month Celebration. After some discussion, a motion was passed to provide support for refreshments, up to \$200, for the Black History Month observance February 8th.

John Kucharski brought the BOD up to date on recent activities at the National Visitor Center. What started as a 2-hour visit by **Abdallah El-Maaroufi**, Ambassador from Morocco, became a full-scale, all-day visit in January to numerous BARC laboratories. For the **Foreign Agricultural Service**, NVC will be hosting a bus load of 20 ambassadors in late Winter. Biotechnology will be higlighted in March. The renovation of

Log Lodge will be going on for several years at a cost of half-a-million dollars. A request for \$30 or \$40 will be coming soon to FAR-B from NVC to cover foreign visitor costs.

An exploratory discussion with **Rosannah Taylor, NVC**, followed concerning the FAR-B web page. It was agreed that prior to the February BOD meeting the members should communicate their ideas and suggestions to President R. Bram, who will collect and present them to R. Taylor. Informed decisions can then be made on how to proceed in modifying or overhauling the FAR-B web page. N.B.: R. Taylor's e-mail address: **rtaylor@ars.usda.gov**.

Treasurer's Report. **A. DeMilo** passed out copies of the **Accepted 2001 Budget**. He discussed the Treasurer's Reports for October and November, 2000. Overall, FAR-B's financial status remained healthy in 2000. With careful planning, obligations for all programs and activities were met during the year. We are still looking for a treasurer/replacement. FAR-B has four of its accounts with SunTrust Bank, all working well for us.

Memership. **F. Longen** said it's basically static. Reminders are going out. Recently **Lowell Campbell** sent in names of some Giants of Industry. We might start thinking also about mining the BARC Symposium attendee list. A long discussion ensued about the **FAR-B Open Season** for the coming year. Ralph's Idea: We need to undertake a **Big Membership Drive**. As part of the Open Season, there would be no dues for the 1st year, but they would be dropped if not renewed. For the future, contact new retirees with the one-year, dues-free offer. Then \$10/year. P. Kearney cited the American Chemical Society and how they ask for one name each from members to keep membership growing. There was much discussion, but no motions made nor passed.

Action items: Letter from President to new Retirees.
Interactive membership forms to be included on the web page.

CFC Campaign. P. Kearney, just back from London, asked C. Dickson report on the CFC Fair. Thank-you letters for contributors should be sent when addresses are available.

Jim Butcher's Publicity Report: Article about Bill Bailey was discussed. The January Newsletter was reviewed and approved.

FAR-B/Miklos Faust Summer Intern Program. Consensus was that there was enough residual funding in the gift by Dr. Maria Faust to cover this, the 3rd year of a 2-year Intern program.

P. Kearney mentioned it would be timely to talk with **Nancy Thrush** about the future of **ARCEA** and/or **ARCEA/FAR-B**.

Compiled by Charles H. Dickson, Jr.

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Attendees: Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Charles Dickson,
Essex Finney, John Kucharski, Ron Korcak,
Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel,

President R. Bram mentioned at the outset that a number of BOD members regrettably called in with various medical problems regarding themselves or their families. He decided to proceed anyway, covering as much as possible in the time available.

Area Director's Report. **R. Korcek** delivered a status report for the Area Director's Office, which included (but was not limited to): a hospital report on **Phyllis Johnson's** husband and his recent heart surgery; the status of the **2001 Budget Year** and the pending influence of the **Bush White House** on it; **Virgil Smail** declining the PSI director's position; the matter of the **SEL Fund** and the ethics people---the awardees should ideally be picked by an impartial committee and the money transferred to the Agency, not to individual(s); guidelines for the upcoming annual Congressional letter of support; proposed closing of **Soil Concervation Road** by Goddard SFC; utilization of **M. Stoezel's** contacts in Human Resources to include 'Greetings from FAR-B' in future retirement packages; **R. Korcek's** list of **25 Philanthropic Organizations**, which triggered **R. Bram's** response in the form of a draft letter to the lucky organizations.

JOHM KUCHARSKI presented copies of the newest **NVC Annual Report**. The previous week there was a sit-down luncheon at NVC for 128 ARS leaders. On the near-term calendar are one-day sessions with **Israeli officials, Bangladash attaches, and Ag Leadership Idaho**. John talked about the 'old' buildings at BARC, and the restoration now going on at the Log Lodge. For the **Foreign Agricultural Service**, NVC will be hosting a bus load of 20-plus ambassadors in late Winter. Biotechnology will be highlighted in March. The renovation of **Log Lodge** will be going on for several years at a cost of half-a-million dollars. A request for \$30 or \$40 will be coming soon to FAR-B from NVC to cover some foreign visitor costs.

FAR-B Web Page. The **FAR-B Logo** will be a prime candidate to provide fodder for this World Wide Web application. A generalized wish list will be put together for **ROSANNAH TAYLOR** by **R. BRAM** and **C. DICKSON**, to include such things as an alpha one-line listing of members, various FAR-B forms, old BOD minutes, and text and art work from the Brochure.

C. DICKSON suggested, and J. BUTCHER offered to explore with the staff of P.G. Councilman Mike Maloney, whether FAR-B would qualify for his annual 'Christmas-tree' bonanza.

The **SEL Progress Report** was discussed, without the Treasurer. The Problem of finding a replacement for **AL DeMILO** was highlighted. The search for a potential Treasurer goes on.

Membership Committee: Cards and reminders were sent to members up for renewal. The results were encouraging:

There were 107 renewals out of 179 members---

9 of 19 Patrons renewed

55 of 89 Personal Members renewed

43 of 70 Associates renewed

A draft letter is being created to be sent to potential Associates. The big push will be to promote the upcoming 'Open Season', featuring a free first year of membership.

Publicity Committee: Kudos were tendered for the January Newsletter. Total job cost (printing and preparation for mailing) was \$213. 'Bullet press releases'---we are already on the list for them. Suggestion: Why not invite **Floyd Horn** to a BOD meeting or be the speaker at the FAR-B Annual Meeting?

Outreach Committee: Next event is the high school 'Beltsville Invitational', to be held in Building 005 on Friday, April 20, 10 a.m. to noon. BOD members should not be afraid to come and talk to the youth!

ARS and Professional Societies: Ethics officers said in a recent conference call that they were holding off pursuing this issue, according to information received by **M. STOETZEL**. Documents she circulated since the January meeting illustrated what was causing the concern all around. But now things may not be as bad as they once were thought to be.

A free-for-all ensued concerning business stationery and appropriate envelopes for dealing with the outside world.

J. Butcher volunteered to contact FAR-B's printer about providing these items, preferably after the matter of a new logo for FAR-B has been decided upon.

A non-directed discussion about FAR-B's **Memo of Understanding** with BARC (MOU) closed the meeting. Many different opinions were shared about what has been done in the past with the MOU and what is currently required of FAR-B as regards the current and possibly-expired MOU.

Compiled by: Charles H. Dickson, Jr.
Secretary

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
March 13, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance SELF Fellowships 12th Annual BARC Poster Day Womens History Month	Manya Stoetzel
FAR-B Requests to Philanthropic Organizations	Ralph Bram
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
FAR-B Web Page	Hank Dickson/Rosannah Taylor
Report of Treasurer	Al DeMilo
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Plans for Membership Drive in 2001 Honorary Members Follow-up activities New Board of Directors members	Group
Report of Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Report of Area Director's Liaison MOU with BARC	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn	

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Attendees: Ralph Bram, Mort Beroza, Jim Butcher, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Philip Kearney, Ron Korcak, Frank Longen, William Miller, Manya Stoetzel, Rosannah Taylor, John Van de Vaarst, and William Wergin [a full house!].

President R. Bram introduced a couple of new attendees: **John Van de Vaarst** of FMOD; and **William Wergin**, recently of the Electron Microscope Laboratory, who is FAR-B's Treasurer-Designate.

Area Director's Report. **R. Korcek** delivered a status report for the Area Director's Office, which included (but was not limited to): a hospital report on **Phyllis Johnson's** husband, **Robert**, who has undergone critical by-pass heart surgery in the past month; the status of the 2001 budget year and the expected influence of the Bush Budget upon it; question---where does the MOU stand? (ans: it was signed last week.); further nerer-ending questions about the planned SEL grant; hi-tech showcase planned for May 3; concurrence promised for FY 2002 Outside Witness testimony; **Floyd Horn**, ARS Administrator, locked in as speaker at the May FAR-B Annual Meeting 05/08; MANERS program slated for Sat. 03/31 at BARC; **moved and passed: FAR-B to provide \$400 for bottled water and soft drinks for 150 participants**; for refreshments at the Field Day in May, it was agreed we should talk to **Nancy Thrush**; a contractor for the Human Nutrition Wing(s) should be named within 30 days;

Requests for Assistance: the SEL grant selection process has again raised questions about the extent of FAR-B's involvement.

M. Stoetzel said the SEL grant this year is to be \$2500. No gross ethical violations are in evidence.

Women's History Month: moved and approved support for the March 29 Celebration in Bldg. 003 Auditorium, to cover light refreshments, up to \$200.

2001 Poster Day Luncheon: financial support budgeted and approved for \$500 for the April 25, 2001 event.

R. Bram and the area's 25 Philanthropic Organizations: a letter solicitating funds from Giant Food has been drafted by the president. **H. Shiminuki** was appointed *in absentia* to stimulate comments on the prognosis of the letter.

Rosannah Taylor, NVC, discussed several options available for gradual incorporation in an updated FAR-B web page. Several items pertaining to the role of FAR-B (as distinguished from BARC) are waiting to be covered. Individuals need to be

identified who can provide the textual material and pictures relating to those items. President Bram came up with a typical FAR-B solution: a three-person committtee consisting of **P. Kearney, J. Butcher and C. Dickson**, who will determine in which server (computer) the web page will is to be hosted, and which FAR-B members should be tapped to author new contents.

Treasurer's Report: **Al DeMilo** reviewed bank statements over the past three months, describing how funds in each of the several accounts are used. After being sorted out, available resources amount to about \$64K, a couple of thousand less than last year at this time. For various reasons, it would be wise to inquire about **Nancy Thrush's** plans for the future. The SEL selection process came up for more discussion. The belief emerged that while things are being done in a proper way now, **A. DeMilo** should be the continuing FAR-B representative to the SEL selection committee (until he re-retires in May).

Membership Committee: **F. Longen** reported 5 new members in the last month, now totaling 184. As regards renewals:

- 11 out of 19 Patrons have renewed
- 61 out of 88 Personal Members have renewed
- 51 out of 75 Associate Members have renewed

Some discussion followed on implementing the upcoming plan for initial free one-year memberships for new members. Evaluation of the success of this new option should first be available during the 2002-2003 membership year.

Letter from BOD Member: **William (Bill) Bailey** has written President Bram stating his schedule for medical treatment is going to prefent him from attending BOD meetings for the next year. After discussion, it was agreed to make Bill Bailey---a founding member of FAR-B's BOD---an 'Emeritus' member of the current BOD. The matter of 'honorary' membership for others on FAR-B's radar screen was postponed for consideration at a later time.

Publicity Committee: **J. Butcher** re-capped the schedule for submission of Congressional 'Outside Witness' testimony for the 2002 USDA budget: Senate is due by March 31; House by April 10. Senate wants a version on diskette; House does not.

Outreach Committee: **Second Beltsville Invitational** is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 10 am to noon in the conference facility (ground floor) of Building 005. BOD members should not be afraid to make an apperance to speak with some ourstanding high school people about the pre-college science projects they have worked on for so long!

Compiled by Charles H. Dickson Jr.

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
April 10, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
BARC Employees Association	Nancy Thrush
Requests for Assistance	
FAR-B Requests to Philanthropic Organizations	Ralph Bram
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
FAR-B Web Page	Hank Dickson/Rosannah Taylor
Report of Treasurer Audit	Al DeMilo
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Report of Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of Publicity Committee Congressional Testimony Articles, etc. Spring Newsletter	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee Honorary Members/Board Members	Phil Kearney
Report of Outreach Program	Hank Dickson
Report of Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Preparations for Annual Meeting Agenda Reports of Committee Chairs	Ralph Bram
Adjourn	

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Attendees: Ralph Bram, Mort Beroza, Jim Butcher,
Charles Dickson, Al DeMilo, Essex Finney, Wendy Jacobs,
Phyllis Johnson, John Kucharski, Frank Longen,
Manya Stoetzel, Nancy Thrush, William Wergin,

President R. Bram introduced two guests who will be attending the meeting: **Wendy Jacobs** and **Nancy Thrush**, both of ARCEA.

Area Director's Report. **Phyllis Johnson** expressed her thanks for FAR-B's contribution to the **University of North Dakota's Alumni Foundation**, in memory of the recent death of her husband, **Robert**. UND, the school where she and Robert met and married, will use the gift to augment its Scandanavian language and history studies, something the two of them concentrated on while at that school. For **BARC News**: **Joseph Jen** of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, has been nominated to be Undersecretary for Rsearch, Education & Economics. **Dr. Floyd Horn** has just announced he has recruited **Dan Laster**, formerly of the Clay Center, to be a special consultant on hoof & mouth disease. Re: the **Budget** and the list of **proposed terminations**: Pres. Bush has proposed eliminating all Congressional 'earmarks' (not really popular with Congress or special interests). The facilities budget for all of ARS includes a token \$30 million. The **TEDCO** showcase will be held at BARC on **May 3**---an all-day event for \$40, which includes lunch. ARS Administrator **Floyd Horn** may be present for both TEDCO and FAR-B's Annual Meeting May 8.

Guests from ARCEA: P. Kearney asked N. Thrush and W. Jacobs to discuss activities of ARCEA, which has 400 members at \$5/year. Assets are about \$5K. Main problem is maintaining member participation. ARCEA provides a corporate umbrella for the prized **BARC Child Care Center**. An annual picnic involves a small expense to ARCEA. Bits of BARC is a recurring expense of about \$200/issue. The potentials in an **ARCEA/FAR-B amalgamation** were tossed about at some length by the BOD.

The 25 Magical Philanthropic Organizations of R. Korcek: President Bram stated that while many letters have been written organization-wise, zero money has materialized.

National Visitor Center: J. Kucharski reported on numerous embassy functions which have taken place recently at the NVC, where the interest of foreign nationals in research activities conducted by BARC remains high.

FAR-B Web Page: A three-person committee is still looking for a universally convenient time to meet for the purpose of discussing web page priorities.

Treasurer's Report: A. DeMilo is still hoping to close out last year's **George W. Irving Fellowship**. Gary Kinnet's symposium at Kearneysville is ready to roll in June. Doug Miller is handling a MOU for the **SEL Group**---a SEL grant proposal has been sent out to five groups about developing a special full-blown web page at a cost of about \$2500. **Moved, seconded and aproved to concur in the MOU amendment to provide the \$2500 for the SEL project.** President Bram appointed a FAR-B audit committee consisting of: **F. Longen**, chair, **M. Beroza**, **W. Wergin**, and **Al DeMilo**.

Membership Committee: **Pioneer Hi-Bred International** renewed its substantial sustaining membership within the last 30 days. Other membership categories are up somewhat, as well.

CFC Status: P. Kearney passed out copies of the check stub from the first **United Way (CFC)** allotment, which totaled \$426. It looks like a year of 12-monthly allotments will produce about \$4K for FAR-B, a real serendipity, indeed.

Publicity Commtttee: J. Butcher distributed copies of FAR-B's 'outside testimony' delivered in March to Senate and House subcommittees on agricultural appropriations. Also distributed were copies of a story to appear shortly in the local press concerning BARC being named an '**Horticultural Landmark**'. Potential items were also discussed for the June FAR-B newsletter as well as the May 8 Annual Meeting.

Honorary Members/Board Members: After extensive discussion, it was generally decided to proceed with making **Bill Bailey** an "Emeritus Member of the BOD", and to explore thoroughly the protocols involved in making **Rep. Steny Hoyer** an "Honorary Life Member of FAR-B", perhaps at the Annual Meeting in 2002.

Outreach Committee: The **Beltsville Invitational** for 2001 will take place Friday, April 20 in the Conference Room of Building 005. Students from seven schools and four nearby counties have been invited to display their outstanding pre-college science research projects to the BARC community. BOD members are urged to show up and "talk to the youth".

Concluding the meeting, President R. Bram outlined extensive schedules and agendaes for FAR-B's Annual Meeting May 8, including arrangements for Administrator Floyd Horn to land on a V.I.P. parking space in front of the Building 003 Auditorium.

Compiled by Charles H. Dickson Jr.

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Attendees: Ralph Bram, Mort Beroza, Jim Butcher,
Charles Dickson, Al DeMilo, Philip Kearney,
Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel.

President R. Bram opened with a discussion about a request from **Christian Obineme** regarding refreshment support for upcoming events originated by Phyllis Johnson's new "**Diversity Committee**". For the imminent Asian/Pacific Employee celebration, support in the amount of \$200 was approved by the BOD.

Treasurer's Report---**Al DeMilo** (retiring) said his main concern is closing out the **Ali Sadeghi** fellowship. No problem in this regard is contemplated for **Incoming Treasurer William Wergin**.

Audit Committee: **Frank Longen** stated everything went smoothly and proved to be in excellent order for CY 2000.

Membership Committee---**Frank Longen** reported 192 members on board now. **James McMurtry** had a check for \$200 sent to FAR-B for a presentation he made recently to SPIE.

Publicity Committee---**James Butcher** is in the process of assembling material for the June Newsletter. Deadline for new material will be May 20. **Steny Hoyer** has agreed to be made an honorary member of FAR-B, date TBA.

Goals and Objectives---**CFC** will be stressed and hopefully doubled next year. Attention needs to be given to filling BOD vacancies in the next 12 months. Two **George W. Irving fellowships** will be awarded in 2001: One for \$4k and one for \$6k. The recipients are evidently **Murray Bisque** and **V.R. Reddy**.

Outreach---**The Beltsville Invitational** was described as a successful event April 20, and mementoes were handed out.

Area Director's Liaison---**Manya Stoetzel** passed out copies of the agenda for the FAR-B Annual Meeting, along with a reproduction of the textual matter from the new FAR-B 30x40 poster.

At 1:31 pm, the group made a high-velocity exit in order to get to the downstairs reception for **Floyd Horn, ARS Administrator**, prior to his keynote speech later in the afternoon.

Compiled by Charles H. Dickson Jr.

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
June 12, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance BARC Special Events Committee Conference on Insect Genomics Reception for Malcolm Thompson	Carolyn Moore Manya Stoetzel Manya Stoetzel
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
FAR-B Web Page	Charles Dickson/Rosannah Taylor
Report of Treasurer	Bill Wergin
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Report of Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of Publicity Committee, including newsletter	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of Outreach Program	Charles Dickson
Future membership on the FAR-B Board of Directors	Group
Report of Area Director's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn until September 11, 2001	

*Sent e-mail to Bob Jones Re AR Mag. for Ralph Bram
He requested change of address in Feb.*

Mon. 24th
21 - mill total
18.7 - Supp. & Equip
3.

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

All landscaping gone.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
October 9, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance BARC Tornado Cleanup Crew Building 003 Clock Tower replacement	Manya Stoetzel Phyllis Johnson
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
FAR-B Web Page	Charles Dickson
Report of Treasurer	Bill Wergin
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Schedule for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of Publicity Committee, including schedule for Congressional testimony	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of Outreach Program	Charles Dickson
Future Membership on the FAR-B Board of Directors	BoD Committee
Membership Directory Update	Ralph Bram
Report of the Administrator's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
November 13, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Requests for Assistance — Report to the Beltsville Leadership Conference	Ralph Bram
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Report of Treasurer including revised budget	Bill Wergin
BARC Landscaping Fund	Bill Wergin Jim Butcher
Contributions from Industry	Ralph Bram
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of Publicity Committee	Jim Butcher
Relationship with the National Agricultural Library	Jim Butcher
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee	Phil Kearney
Report of Outreach Program	Charles Dickson
Future Membership on the FAR-B Board of Directors	BoD Committee
Report of the Administrator's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Attendees: William Bailey, Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Philip Kearney, Phyllis Johnson, Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel, William Wergin.

President R. Bram opened the meeting with a moment of silence in observance of the American lives lost during the tragic events of the past three weeks.

AD Phyllis Johnson began with a thorough, detailed discussion of the extensive destruction visited upon BARC by the tornado of Monday, September 24. Virtually every BARC-West building suffered roof damage of one kind or another, and dozens of government vehicles were disabled or destroyed. Some of the tornado's fury is visible from Route 1; a lot is not. Much of the damage (such as roofing repairs and tower-clock replacement) can be handled as facility repairs, using appropriated fund procedures. Replacement of century-old trees and ornamental shrubbery, however, cannot use such sources, and alternatives need to be explored.

(Moved/Seconded/Passed): At the request of AD P. Johnson, ex post facto approval of \$450 was given to finance pizza refreshments for the rescue crew's emergency mid-day meal on September 25.

After much discussion about FAR-B's fiscal situation, the following action items were decided upon in re: the Tornado's Aftermath:

1. (Moved/Seconded/Passed): FAR-B will juggle items in its upcoming Annual Budget in order to clear the way for an initial, "seeding" contribution of \$10,000 to the BARC Landscape Restoration Fund. This contribution would be announced as soon as possible, in an appropriate environment, with adequate credit being given the contributor, FAR-B.
ACTION: W. WERGIN.

2. (Moved/Seconded/Passed): A communication to all current Beltsville employees will be sent under the FAR-B banner announcing the establishment of a separate BARC Landscape Restoration Fund. An explanation will be given about how tax-deductible contributions can be made to the fund, which will be collected by FAR-B and disbursed for restoration projects to be carried out during the next Winter and Spring.
ACTION: M. STOETZEL and J. BUTCHER.

3. (Moved/Seconded/Passed): Decision-making time is coming up in November as regards CFC. In order to achieve a goal of doubling the past year's income from CFC, FAR-B needs to produce an attractive, eye-catching brochure which promotes FAR-B's activities and sells its mission to the Beltsville community at large.
ACTION: P. KEARNEY and C. DICKSON.

FAR-B Web Page: Thanks to the generous help and support of the Area Computer Specialist, JOY McDANIEL and her staff member, ROBERT REISE, the BOD was able to review FAR-B's nascent web page in big-screen color using the IT staff's laptop and projection equipment. Several items came up relating to the fine-tuning of the eventual web-product. An example: a link to an item about the GEORGE W. IRVING award will need to be suppressed for the next 12 months, since the award's \$10,000 will be diverted this year to the emergency landscaping activities.

Treasurer's Report: B. WERGIN passed around copies of recent financial statements as well as a draft budget document for the upcoming year. After much discussion about the future impact of the landscaping project, it was decided to produce another comprehensive analysis of next year's budgetary priorities, for discussion at the November meeting. At that time, the preferences of the Area Director can be seamlessly incorporated, as well.

Membership Committee: F. Longen reported the membership level up somewhat to 194 members, all categories. About 200 personal letters of invitation were sent out in the last month, with 10 to 15 positive responses. The Open Season gambit has also yielded 15 to 20 new applicants, he said.

P. KEARNEY announced CFC will yield a total of about about \$3,000 this year, with results varying slightly from month-to-month. Thank-you letters have been sent to last year's donors, where names/addresses were available. A running start with solid hand-outs will be needed this fall to double our CFC income, which is the current goal.

Publicity Committee: JIM BUTCHER stated that FAR-B's testimony to the Agricultural sub-committees will not come due until next Winter. At that time, he hopes there will be less difficulty in delivering our Gospel to Hill offices than is currently the case.

Goals and Objectives: P. Kearney reiterated the fact that the biggest problem facing the BOD is keeping the flow of new members coming down the proverbial pipeline. Extensive time was devoted to discussing the situation of K. DARWIN MURRELL, currently located in Scandinavia, who is serving as a "remote" member of the BOD, prior to his return to the States in 18 months or so. The suggestion was made that perhaps FAR-B should airlift him a back-up remote, just to be safe.

M. Stoetzel reported the the Workshop on Comparing Insect Genomes, to be held in Crystal City, for which FAR-B is providing registration services, is almost completely filled up, with participants coming from all over the world, travel problems notwithstanding. . . . A new list of names and addresses of FAR-B officers was passed out. Only MORT BEROZA's e-mail address looked to be incorrect.

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
December 11, 2001
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Contributions to a BARC Tornado Fund by industry	Ralph Bram Phil Kearney
BARC Landscaping Fund	Al Stoner Jim Butcher
Report of Treasurer	Frank Longen
Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Report of Publicity Committee, including January newsletter and Congressional testimony	Jim Butcher
Anecdotal History of Beltsville	Ralph Bram
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee including future Board membership	Phil Kearney
Report of the Administrator's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel

1-8-2007

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Attendees: William Bailey, Henry Becker, Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Phyllis Johnson, Philip Kearney, John Kucharski, Frank Longen, Allan Stoner, Allen Taylor.

AD Phyllis Johnson reported that **Floyd Horn**, beloved ARS Administrator and friend of FAR-B, has been detailed for one year to the Office of Homeland Security, where he will be concerned with agricultural and water resource issues.

The USDA/ARS appropriation came through last week, with ARS peaking at over \$1 billion, including a \$4.5 million program increase for Beltsville.

Tornado damages are now set at \$23.5 million, with \$3 million of that amount attributable to non-facility matters.

A meeting is planned next Thursday with **Monsanto** about making a significant contribution to tornado damage recovery, particularly along the lines of restoring equipment and scientific material.

Regarding letters for lobbying, it was agreed that the most valuable contribution would be letters to Congress from out-of-state individuals/organizations who are also constituents of House/Senate agricultural appropriation committee members.

President **R. Bram** appointed an ad hoc committee to explore the possibilities of a Congressional letter-writing campaign, with members consisting of **E. Finney, P. Kearney (chm.), J. Butcher, and H. Becker.**

A. Stoner presented details about plans and drawings being developed by his committee on BARC re-landscaping and restoration, and the time-lines being projected for implementing the plans. Most of the serious planting of trees and shrubs will probably not begin until the Fall.

F. Longen reviewed some of the checks recently received by FAR-B for the tornado relief project, for which he is a conduit.

P. Kearney reported on Combined Federal Campaign activities to date.

J. Kucharski, NVC Director, described the effects that events of the past year have had on the operations of the National Visitor Center.

F. Longen reviewed membership figures for FAR-B, even noting one new recruit from NAL.

C. Dickson, Outreach Chairman, brought up for discussion problems with Seabrook Elementary concerning last fall's BARC FAR-B-sponsored field trip.

A draft **R. Bram** letter concerning this matter will be created for review at next month's meeting.

J. Butcher, publicity chairman, went over some of the topics being considered for the upcoming (January) FAR-B Newsletter. For the Annual Meeting next Spring, hope springs eternal for landing **Steny Hoyer** as keynote speaker and be-knighted honorary member.

Discussion began about putting the Newslettter into e-mail format, with many pro's and con's being bandied about. An effort will be made to determine the extent of interest in an e-mail option via a survey in the next issue.

Paul Putnam's latest version of his anecdotal history on animal science in Beltsville has been received by FAR-B and was passed around for purposes of discussion. **R. Bram** asked **H. Becker** to look realistically at the document and determine what the retail market might possibly support, and report back to the BOD with recommendations at the January meeting.

Until then, . . .

Collected by:

Charles H. Dickson Jr.
Recycled Ornamentalist

1-8-2002

February 1, 2002

TO: Elementary School Principals [with distances in miles to Log Lodge]:

Beltsville (1.2)
Bladensburg (4.5)
Bond Mill (1.4)
Calverton (1.5)
Carrollton (2.1)
C.T. Reed (2.0)
Deerfield Run (2.0)
Gaywood (2.2)
Gladys Noon Spellman (3.1)
Glenarden Woods (2.5)
Greenbelt (0.8)
Heather Hills (4.0)
High Bridge (2.5)
Hollywood (1.5)
James H. Harrison (1.4)
James McHenry (2.2)
Judge Sylvania W. Woods (2.9)
Kenilworth (2.3)
Lamont (2.0)
Laurel (2.4)
Montpelier (2.0)
Oaklands (2.0)
Perrywood (2.9)
Pointer Ridge (5.0)
Riverdale (2.1)
Rockledge (2.5)
Samuel Ogle (2.8)
Seabrook (2.9)
Springhill Lake (1.1)
Tulip Grove (3.9)
Yorktown (2.8)

For several years members of the Friends of Agricultural Research--Beltsville (FAR-B) have annually sponsored a one-day field trip to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) for sixth-grade students from Prince George's County.

FAR-B is now creating a new list of schools interested in being considered for this activity. What would be involved for both FAR-B and the school includes the following:

- A clear calendar date, set aside by the school---preferably for early in October.
- A 48-seat school bus, provided by the PGCPs, for the students, faculty, and adults making the field trip.
- Thirty to forty sixth-grade class members, their faculty, and interested parents.

A morning of presentations to the students by members of the Information Staff of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), which will include topics of interest on human nutrition, entomology (insects), and animal science.

Back at the school, a special fresh pizza luncheon for the students---as guests of FAR-B---prepared that day by a popular local establishment.

In the afternoon, ~~after an extended recess~~, an enjoyable game consisting of some quizzes based largely on information acquired during the field trip.

If I can answer any questions ^{and science} you may have about this activity, please do not hesitate to ~~give me a call at: 1-410-555-5555.~~

Charles Dickinson at

If you are interested on being placed on the list for an upcoming FAR-B-sponsored BARC field trip, you are encouraged to contact ~~me at my e-mail address: <rabram@rcn.com>.~~

Charles Dickinson at

We thank you for taking the time to consider a future potential field trip to BARC for students from your school.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Bram, P.h.D.
President, FAR-B

Enclosures:

■ We Get Letters ■
History of the Log Lodge
Visitor Map